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8 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

1. Attached are two copies of a memorandum prepared by the Director on actions taken at the Special Group Meeting on 5 January 1962. As you will note, Items 1, 2, and 3 require further action and I assume Item 4 will be placed on the agenda for this week's meeting.

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2. The Director asked that you ensure that the cover story referred to [] is worked out satisfactorily with Alexis Johnson and report to him that this has been accomplished. The Director also indicated he would like to be advised of the cover story we propose to use. I believe you should discuss [] with the Director (if you have not already done so) as to what further action, if any, is required on the appointment of John Bross as the Agency staff member to work on counter-insurgency. Incidentally, I am enclosing the packet of papers on this subject.

3. As you will note, the Director wishes to discuss [] with you prior to again placing it on the agenda.

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Executive Officer

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Attachments:

- A. Two copies "Memorandum of Actions at the Special Group Meeting on 5 January, " dated 6 Jan 62
- B. Envelope entitled "Counter-Insurgency Papers"

Distribution:

- Original & 1 - Addressee w/atts
- 1 - DCI w/orig Att A
- 1 - JSE

NSC review(s) completed.

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Memorandum of Actions at the Special Group Meeting on 5 January

✓ 1. On [] on chart was approved, subject to final approval by higher authority. It is understood that each of the two remaining missions would be submitted to the Special Group for subsequent approval. []

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✓ 2. The establishment of a counter-insurgency group was discussed briefly. It was agreed that such a group probably should be formulated as an extension of the 5412 Committee operation. It was agreed that each nominated member would have a staff representative work immediately on review of all existing papers in the preparation of the final action memorandum. I am suggesting that Mr. John Bross, Assistant DD/P, represent me in this staff operation.

✓ 3. McCone withdrew the paper on []
[] I wish to review this paper with DD/P prior to further discussions.

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✓ 4. Memorandum on [] was not discussed as time did not permit consideration.

5. Schedule of forecasted air operations is approved.

6. Mr. Lundahl gave a complete briefing on the most recent Corona operation. This was very impressive to those who had not seen it.

7. The proposal for the special arrangement with [] was considered at length. The positions of State, CIA, and Defense were discussed and the matter placed on the Agenda for discussion with the President on January 6.

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